

## GERMAN NOTE BRINGS CRISIS

Critical Point is Reached in Relations With Germany

LATEST NOTE UNSATISFACTORY

Secretary of State Lansing Framing New Note

Washington.—Study of the official text of Germany's reply to the American note on submarine warfare as it affects neutral rights strengthens the conviction of high officials that a critical point in the relations between the two countries has been reached.

Not only do they feel that the United States must refuse to accept the German proposals for the future conduct of American citizens on the high seas, but the failure of Germany to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania, with the loss of more than 100 Americans, in their view has brought on a crisis the outcome of which it is difficult at present to foresee clearly.

Vital Question Ignored.

The United States had devoted its attention to the principle that Americans should be able to travel on the high seas on unarmed and unresisting belligerent merchant ships of any nationality, in accordance with previously recognized principles of international law. Assurances had been asked that before any destruction would be attempted the visit and search of peaceful vessels and transfer of passengers and crew to a place of safety would be accomplished. It was recognized that Germany in its latest note had ignored this vital question.

The only definite promise made by Germany to change the present status—the suggestion that four enemy ships could sail under the American flag if neutral passenger facilities proved inadequate—was considered certain of rejection, because, aside from other considerations of principle involved, the United States could not undertake to guarantee any interference with the lawful shipment of contraband from its shores to any of the belligerents.

Salient Points in German Reply. We have been obliged to adopt a submarine warfare to meet the declared intentions of our enemies and the method of warfare adopted by them in contravention of international law.

After the experiences in sinking much smaller and less seaworthy vessels, it was to be expected that a mighty ship like the Lusitania would remain above water long enough, even after the torpedoing, to permit passengers to enter the ship's boats. . . . In addition, it may be pointed out that if the Lusitania had been spared thousands of cases of munitions would have been sent to Germany's enemies, and thereby thousands of German mothers and children robbed of breadwinners.

In order to exclude any unforeseen dangers to American passenger steamers, German submarines will be instructed to permit the free and safe passage of such passenger steamers, when made recognizable by special markings and notified at reasonable time in advance. The imperial government, however, confidently hopes that the American government will assume to guarantee that these vessels have no contraband on board.

Use of Neutral Vessels Suggested.

In order to furnish adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic for American citizens the German government submits for consideration a proposal to increase the number of available steamers by installing in passenger service a reasonable number of neutral steamers under the American flag, the exact number to be agreed upon.

The imperial government believes it can assume that in this manner adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic ocean can be afforded American citizens. There would, therefore, appear to be no compelling necessity for American citizens to travel to Europe in time of war on ships carrying an enemy flag. In particular, the im-

## BIG RESERVOIR IS LEAKING

Tumalo Project Water May Not Be Available Soon.

Bend.—Unless a supplemental flow of water can be obtained in the near future from Crater creek to continue the hydraulic work of stopping subterranean leaks discovered in the big reservoir of the Tumalo irrigation project it is extremely probable that the reservoir will not be available for use next year, or this year, according to engineers here who have made recent examinations of it.

The leaks were discovered at the outlet of the reservoir approximately four months ago, and since then as tests have been made they have continued to develop. Apprehension was felt at one time that the leaks might amount to sufficient numbers to make the project a failure, but engineers now believe they are localized and can be stopped. The leaks appear in the shape of what is termed a subterranean crack or fault about 20 feet below the surface. As tests have been only made at the outlet, it is impossible, say the engineers, to determine with any degree of certainty their extent.

## Canning Demonstration Given.

Corvallis.—A special car for demonstrating canning by the steam pressure and cold pack methods are being operated over the lines of the Southern Pacific in Oregon beginning Monday, July 12. This is so far as known the first car of the kind to be operated in the United States. The purpose of the demonstration is to teach the system by some practical means that will enable those that are interested to do home canning both for home consumption and for commercial purposes. Demonstration from this car will be carried on at various points during a period of two weeks, according to arrangements that have been made by R. D. Hetzel, director of college extension, and H. M. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific railway company. The car is in charge of Professor F. L. Griffin.

## Ask Big Park For Highway.

Portland.—A park system of 14,000 acres lying along the Columbia river highway will be set aside by the government if recommendations of the local forestry service and special committee of the Chamber of Commerce are acted on favorably by the department of agriculture.

The land which the committee proposes be set aside lies at points scattered along 23 miles of the highway in the Multnomah falls district. The roadway cuts through reserves at eight points in the course of that distance.

## Survey Work on Road Resumed.

Roseburg.—After idleness of several weeks, the surveying crew employed on Kendall Bros' railroad, from Roseburg to the line of the Umpqua national forest reserve, has resumed operations here. The work of completing the survey as far as Rock creek will be rushed as fast as possible.

Construction will begin as soon as a decision of the supreme court is received with reference to the validity of the bonds voted by the people of this city to aid in the construction of the road. It is believed here that will be by August 19.

## Wasco County Wheat Hurt.

The Dalles.—The estimated record-breaking yield of wheat in Wasco county this year has been reduced recently as the result of hot weather, which has shriveled some of the grain in different localities. Spring wheat has been slightly damaged generally, and a little fall grain, which was sown late, has been hurt, so that the output of the ranches of this county will be considerably less than had been expected.

## Women Plead Guilty to Manslaughter.

Portland.—Mrs. Beattie Fowle, aged 53, and her daughter, Harriet Fowle, aged 17, pleaded guilty in the circuit court to charges of manslaughter in having killed the girl's infant boy on May 17 last. They had been indicted for murder in the second degree, but were allowed to plead guilty to the lesser charge. Sentence was deferred.

perial government is unable to admit that American citizens can protect an enemy ship through the mere fact of their presence on board.

If, however, it should not be possible for the American government to acquire an adequate number of neutral passenger steamers, the imperial government is prepared to interpose no objections to the placing under the American flag by the American government of four enemy passenger steamers for passenger traffic between North America and England.

## GETS BIG PRICE FOR SPRING LAMBS

Tonningson Bros. Market 2,051 Lambs in Chicago

SHORTAGE CAUSES HIGH PRICE

Sheep Industry Here is Big Paying Business-- Ideal Climate

A. F. Tonnison of Tonnison Bros., sheep dealers, has just returned from Chicago, where he marketed 2,051 spring lambs, netting \$3.45 a head. The lambs went on the market June 29th, when the price was \$10.65 per hundred. On the preceding day the market was \$10.90 per hundred.

Nearly sixteen thousand dollars has been the cash return to Tonnison Bros. this spring from their band of sheep. They have 2400 head of ewes, which are half-blood Lincolns. In the spring shearing they averaged 8 pounds of wool to the ewe, making a total of 19,200 pounds of wool. This wool was sold for 25 cents per pound, delivered at Harper, which brought a total return of \$4,800 for the spring clip.

The lambing was successful, averaging better than 90 percent. The lambs have now been marketed in Chicago, bringing a total net return of \$11,177.95. The actual return in cash from the band of 2400 ewes has been \$15,977.95 this season.

The result speaks well for the sheep industry of this section of the country. Mr. Tonnison says the present high market price for lambs is caused by a shortage all over the country, the shortage resulting from an exceptionally poor season for lambing in most parts of the United States.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

Borlin editorial expressions regarding the reply to the American note are keyed in a tone of unqualified praise for the stand taken by Germany on the submarine question.

It was officially announced at Petrograd that the submarine which made a successful attack on a German warship on July 2 in the Baltic was a British boat.

Possibility of another ministerial crisis in England developed last week. Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, is arousing antagonism among politicians who resent the reputation he is gaining as the empire's saviour.

Rome is making preparations to meet attacks by German Zeppelins, which, according to reports, have been taken to the Austrian Adriatic coast for a raid on the Italian capital.

A minor German offensive in French Lorraine has strengthened the Teutonic line protecting St. Mihiel from the south. The German gain about offsets the French success last spring in the same region.

Paris chronicles the repulse of German attacks against the French positions on the Angres-Souchez road and against some of those in Champagne and Lorraine. Belgian troops repelled a German night attack at the famous "Ferryman's house" on the right bank of the Yser north of Ypres.

The daily toll of submarine victims around the British Isles has almost doubled since reports reaching shipping circles that the German admiral had heavily reinforced his U boat fleet and was determined to terrorize British shipping owners.

The Russians have checked the Austro-German advances in southern Poland and eastern Galicia. It is beginning to appear as if the Teutonic forces may have made a mistake in developing two objectives after the fall of Lemberg. Present indications point to the improbability of Warsaw's capture at this time by Von Mackensen.

## Archbishop of Chicago Dead.

Rochester, N. Y.—James Edward Quigley, Catholic archbishop of Chicago, died here at the home of his brother, Chief of Police Quigley, after a long illness.

## MRS. ROBT. LANSING



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Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the man who succeeded William Jennings Bryan as Secretary of State.

## FRENCH OVERLOOK PLAIN OF FLANDERS

On the Heights of Notre Dame De Lorette, near Arras, France, via Paris. —After battling 120 days for the hilly country between Bethune and Arras, the French forces are in possession of all the eminences looking out upon the plain of Flanders. Lille, Douai and Cambrai all are visible from here.

Every position along the broad national road between Arras and Bethune has been won except Souchez.

Each side has been employing formidable artillery, both of small and heavy caliber, the French guns being somewhat the more numerous and being served with unlimited quantities of high-explosive shells.

A correspondent went through five or six miles of the trenches formerly held by the Germans and reconstructed by the French, who now have abandoned them to move forward.

Upward of 100,000 Germans have fallen or been captured in these trenches, according to the French official count, since the second week of March. The French losses, the correspondent was confidentially informed, while serious, have been much smaller than those of the Germans. There are thickets of little crosses made of twigs tied together marking graves between the trenches. Some of these graves have been torn up by the shell fire.

Almost every square yard of this region is marked by miniature craters caused by exploding shells.

## Big Bend Picnic On.

The annual Big Bend picnic is being held this (Thursday) afternoon at the grove in the Big Bend section. This picnic is an annual affair and is always the occasion for the gathering of a large number of people. Many residents of Ontario are in attendance.

## JAMES M. THOMSON



James M. Thomson, publisher of the New Orleans Item, who recently married Speaker Champ Clark's daughter.

## FINAL DECREE IN WATER SUIT

Matter of Great Importance to Willow River Ranchers

IN COURT OVER FOUR YEARS

Many Big Companies Are Interested In Case

A matter of great importance to Malheur county, especially to the people in the whole Willow river valley between Vale and Brogan, is the adjudication of all the water rights in the Willow river and its tributaries.

There are '04 water users defendants in this adjudication case which was started Aug. 27, 1910. It has already passed through the state board of control, circuit court sitting at Malheur county at Vale, and through the supreme court of the state. The matter is now up for final decree in the circuit court at Vale on mandate from the state supreme court. The circuit court at Vale, Judge Dalton Biggs presiding, convened Monday, when the final decree was entered and this long drawn-out case was closed.

There are 29 attorneys directly interested in this case. This great array of legal talent was in Vale Monday to look after the interests of their clients, the 104 water users, in the final procedure that closes that important case. The largest of these water users is the Willow River Land & Irrigation company, owners of 10,000 acres of land at Brogan. Other big water users and interests in this case are the Eastern Oregon Land company, the Lower Willow River Water Users' company, limited, the last being composed of several Idaho men. The other defendants in this case are said to own an average of 160 acres each.

In addition to practically every member of the bar of Malheur county, prominent legal firms of Boise, Baker City and Portland are directly interested in this case.

In Oregon the state board of control has the right and power to initiate the proceedings in the adjudication of the water rights in any stream in the state. This state board started the adjudication proceedings in the Willow river case on Aug. 27, 1910, and summoned the 104 water users as defendants before it. The board later made an award to each of the 104 defendants as to the amount of water each one is entitled to, together with the date of the priority of the appropriation of the water.

From this award over half of the defendants appealed to the circuit court at Vale, presided over by Judge Biggs. In great measure Judge Biggs affirmed the awards as made by the state board of control.

From Judge Biggs' decree the Eastern Oregon Land company, the Lower Willow River Water Users' association, the Willow River Land & Irrigation company, the Malheur Irrigation company, limited and a number of the individual defendants appealed to the state supreme court, before which these appellants were opposed by D. F. Boggs, et al., as respondents.

The supreme court in passing on this appeal modified to some extent the decree of Judge Biggs. The principal modification of the supreme court on Judge Biggs' decision was allowing the Malheur Irrigation company, limited, three years in which to complete their project and allowing this company 10,000 acre feet of storage water.

## Little G 1 Injured

The six year old daughter of James Butler, living near Cario, was the victim of a painful accident last Thursday when a ladder fell on her, causing a fracture of the left leg near the thigh. Mr. Butler was picking apricots and was up on a ladder in the tree, when the ladder slipped and tumbled. The little daughter was underneath the tree and the ladder fell on her. Drs. Prinzing and Paine were called and reduced the fracture.

## SCHOOL-TEACHERS MAY WED

Marriage Found No Bar to Teaching in Oregon.

Portland, Or.—Marriage is not a cause for which a school board in Oregon may remove a permanent teacher from her position. Judge Morrow so held when, after considering the case more than three months he sustained the position of Maud L. Richards in her case against the school board. Mrs. Richards filed an application for a peremptory writ of mandamus forcing the school board to reinstate her as a teacher and to pay her salary from January 4, 1915, the day she was married to Oren R. Richards and discharged by Superintendent Alderman.

## T. R. Starts Trip to West.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, left New York Sunday for a three-week's visit to the Pacific Coast.

## Shriners Meet in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash.—Hundreds of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are in Seattle to attend the annual convocation of the order, which opened Monday.

## SUSPECT BOMBS IN CARGOES

Navy Department Sends Wireless Warning to British Ships.

Washington.—Warning to look out for bombs concealed in their holds was flashed from the naval wireless towers at Arlington to the British steamships Howthhead and Baron Napier, both loaded with cargoes of mules for the British army, which cleared from New Orleans July 8.

Sending of the warning was ordered by Secretary Daniels on receiving a telegram from a New Orleans newspaper saying a letter to that paper signed "Pearce" indicated that explosives had been placed aboard those vessels.

The radio message was sent broadcast over the sea, and even if it is not picked up directly by the Howthhead or Baron Napier, some other ship in the neighborhood may relay it.

## Huerta Won't Give Bond.

El Paso, Texas.—General Victoriano Huerta is confined to Fort Bliss guarded by United States deputy marshal. He waived preliminary hearing on charges of conspiracy to violate the United States neutrality laws and was held under \$5000 bond for the federal grand jury at San Antonio, December 29. He declined to furnish bond and was removed to Fort Bliss.

## Morgan Recovering.

New York.—Sufficiently recovered to maintain constant communication with his offices here, J. P. Morgan, who was shot twice by Frank Holt a week ago, was reported entirely out of danger.

## Elks Flock to Reunion.

Los Angeles.—Special trains from all parts of the country brought thousands of Elks here to attend the reunion of the grand lodge, which opened its first business session on Tuesday.

## WARSAW ATTACK EXPECTED

Germans Believed to Be Abandoning Galician Field to Austrian Armies.

London.—According to dispatches from Petrograd, the principal factor in the defeat of the Austro-German left wing near Krasnik, in southern Russian Poland, and the subsequent quietness in this region is thought by Russian military commentators to be a general shifting of German forces northward to the Warsaw front and the abandonment of the Galician field to the Austrians under General Eduard von Boehm-Ermolli.

Russian official statement reports the blocking of German attempts to advance toward Warsaw from the north and east, and declares the offensive taken by the German armies below Lublin is developing. The Teutonic forces in this southern Poland region are continuing to retreat, Petrograd declares, but are fighting stubbornly as they retire.

## Radio Plant at Sayville is Seized.

Washington.—American naval officers took charge of the powerful wireless plant at Sayville, L. I., which will be operated by the government until the close of the European war, to insure against violations of neutrality.

## Cincinnati Hard Hit by Tornado.

Cincinnati.—With 27 known dead, 10 missing and property loss that will exceed \$1,000,000, Cincinnati is recovering from probably the worst wind and rain storm of its history.

## MANY ENTER THE CORN SHOW

Corn Carnival Promises to Be Biggest Event In Years

OVER SEVENTY-FIVE ENTERED

County Agriculturist Howard Superintending The Work

About seventy-five entries for the Corn Carnival in Ontario this fall, have already been received by County Agriculturist Howard, who is superintending the work of securing exhibits. The Corn Carnival promises to be one of the biggest events of the kind ever held in the Northwest, and the early interest that is taken, promises to bring surprises in the corn growing possibilities of this section of the country.

Nearly all of the prize winners of the Carnival last year have signified their intention of again entering the contest this fall. It is expected that over one hundred entries will be made.

The county has been divided into three districts, the Dead Ox Flat district including the Dead Ox Flat section and Brogan and Jamieson; the Ontario district including the country lying south of the Dead Ox Flat district, extending to the section line one mile north of Nyassa; the Nyassa-Big Bend district including everything south of the Ontario district.

Those who have entered to date are as follows:

## ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Hans Off, Chas. Gossett, Oliver Bingham, A. B. Ham, A. C. Daniel, C. E. McComb, D. B. Ramey, C. G. Leuthstrom, Ernest Grunase, J. W. Mathews, Chas. A. Adams.

## NYSSA-BIG BEND DISTRICT.

G. G. Brown, C. D. Forbes, John Ham, Tague Bros., Dale Robertson, D. L. Miller, E. L. Tate, E. H. Brumback, Arthur C. Holly, Frank Edmundson, C. R. Purdy, W. Barclay Van Dyke, L. E. Pillsbury, Ray Johnston, Charley Purdy, Jr., Thos. McGivern, Wm. Lawler, W. J. Robinson, L. H. Ekin, A. B. Miller, Alex. Wade, C. C. Kilburn, Harvey Hatch, Jesse Johnston, Bert Meadows, T. L. Porter, Bert Robertson, Mrs. A. L. Tate, G. M. Rush, Lee Boyd, D. L. Miller, J. C. Johnston, D. T. Holly, E. M. Blodgett, C. E. Peck, Earl Warren, John Molenaar, Jacob Groot, John H. Forbes, F. E. Garland, H. I. Haley, Lewis L. Patterson, B. F. Logan, John Boswell, G. C. Miller, Geo. W. Swigert, E. E. Parker, Burt G. Roberts, L. E. Wilson, Lora E. Pillsbury.

## DEAD OX FLAT DISTRICT.

M. E. Channer, P. M. Boals, E. G. Goul, S. A. Atkinson, Otto Meili, Geo. Crull, Orin Channer, C. I. Channer, Otto C. Miller, I. L. Culbertson, Stanley Crull, Wilbert Crull, J. R. F. sh, J. C. Anderson, J. L. Pope.

## CARRANZA FORCES TAKE MEXICO CITY

Galveston, Texas.—A cablegram received from Vera Cruz gives first particulars of the battle and the occupation of Mexico City by General Pablo Gonzalez. Gonzalez telegraphed Carranza that the occupation of the city began with heavy fighting between Guadalupe and Rio Consulado, within the city limits. As a result of the fight, he said, Zapatistas lost more than 3500 men in killed and wounded, four cannon and large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Reports say that Gonzalez already has rushed several trains of provisions into the city to the relief of thousands of destitute civilians and that the arrival of these trains caused a great demonstration in favor of the constitutionalists.

Officers of all governmental departments are leaving Vera Cruz for Mexico City, where the constitutionalist government will be maintained.